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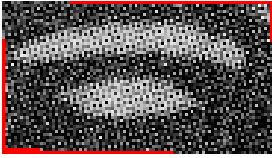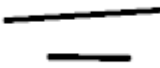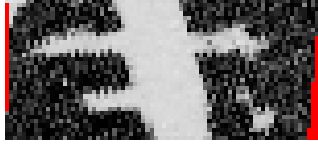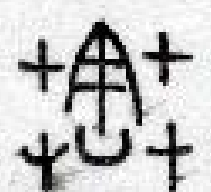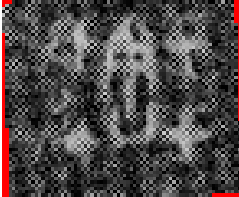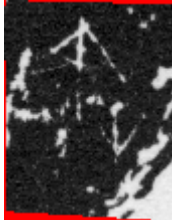
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The Old Hanzi Expert Group had accomplished the collecting and reviewing work for the version 1 of the Oracle-bone script repertoire which contains about 7,000 Oracle-bone scripts. The reviewing work of the Oracle-bone script repertoire version 2 is in progress. According to the resolution IRG M36.7, the reviewing work for the Oracle-bone script repertoire version 2 will be finished at IRG#39, on Nov. 12-16, 2012. In order to support the code chart of Oracle-bone scripts, TCA will provide the TTF fonts for the 7,000 Oracle-bone scripts. Some samples of oracle-bone scripts and fonts are shown in Fig 1. The cells in the right-most column contain the ink rubbings from original oracle-bone materials. The cells in the middle column contain the hand drawings which are drawn by some Old Hanzi experts, according to each ink rubbing. And the cells in the left-most column contain the TTF fonts which are generated by the technicians of TCA, according to each hand drawing. Millions of TW dollars will be spent on generating TTF fonts of 7,000 Oracle-bone scripts. TCA needs to correctly and carefully produce those fonts of Oracle-bone scripts to avoid wasting time and money. Hence TCA requests comments in written from WG2 and IRG member bodies to help us successfully accomplish our job.

Fig 1 samples of oracle-bone scripts and fonts

TTF fonts	hand drawings	ink rubbings

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